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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Opioid Subcommittee

August 15, 2023

METING MINUTES

2:00pm

Call to Order: Sandra Larson called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

Roll Call: Sandra Larson; Amy Crow Sunleaf; Mike Fidgeon (via zoom); ABSENT Pat Lehmkuhl; Jess Smith; Adam Hoffman; Hendrik Schultz.

Others Present: Harley Pothoff, Dubuque Co Supervisor (via zoom); Ann McDonough, Dubuque Co Supervisor (via zoom); Wayne Kenniker, Dubuque Co Supervisor (via zoom); Allie White, Dubuque Co Health Director; Mary Rose Corrigan, Public Health Director for the City of Dubuque; Kevin Dragotto, Dubuque Co Auditor & Opioid Settlement Fund Administrator; Diane Heiken; Ben Fischer, Telegraph Herald Reporter; Diane Pape-Freiburger (via zoom).

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Chairperson Announcements & Updates: Larson referenced Iowa HHS Opioid response letter from April 2023.

BOS/BOH Liaison Comments: McDonough voiced that US Supreme Court had set Opioid settlement case aside. Locally, Dubuque Area Substance Abuse Council is undergoing changes.

Presentations & Reports: White presented draft proposal of employment description to organize community response efforts surrounding Opioid and substance abuse disorders. Dragotto clarified that recent Supreme Court case has not affected the county's share of funding to date, though may impact future funding; Dragotto has requested guidance from consulting firm representative and will share response with White.

Discussion regarding possibility of partnering with the State and/or surrounding counties to pool funds.

Subcommittee supports the draft proposal of full-time employment for presentation to the Board of Health.

Action Items: There were no action items.

Response to Public Questions: There were no public questions.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Board Communication & Reports: None.

Next Scheduled Meeting: White will send meeting poll.

Public Comments: Heiken spoke about secondary Narcan distribution at the State and county levels.

Adjournment: Larson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Minutes by: Tina Daubenberger